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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/15/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 41-71, which are renumbered as 1-31.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 41-71 are allowed.
2. Claims 1-40 are cancelled.
3. Appeal Brief filed on 10/15/2007 is entered.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claimed invention in claim 41 recites features such as: "...determining that an effective signal strength of a signal on a wireless communication link using signal diversity in one or more of the space, time, or frequency domains is insufficient to provide a desired communication range; introducing signal diversity in an additional of the space, time, or frequency domains into the wireless communication link in response to the determining to generate multiple decorrelated signals corresponding to the signal on the wireless communication link."

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Anvari (US 5,461,646) teaches a diversity combiner for a digital receiver that receives a plurality of complex baseband signals ($S_1(t)$, $S_2(t)$) each having an associated receive signal strength-intensity signal ($RSSI_1$, $RSSI_2$). The combiner differentially detects each of the complex baseband signals ($S_1(t)$, $S_2(t)$) to produce a plurality of differential signals ($RX_1(t)$, $RX_2(t)$) (abstract, Anvari).

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Tolopka et al. (US 6,044,349) teach that a portable storage medium is used to store data and provide access to information from an information dissemination system (IDS). The storage medium can store

one or more location/key pairs. Each of the location/key pairs designates a particular IDS location as well as an access key to the particular IDS location. The storage medium can also store a plurality of information units (abstract, Tolopka et al.).

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Hence, the prior arts of record do not anticipate nor render obvious the claimed invention. Thus, claim 41 is allowable over the prior arts of record.

- The claimed invention in claim 42 recites features such as: "...detecting a degradation of signal quality on the wireless communication link; and dynamically introducing additional diversity on the wireless communication link to result in the wireless communication link having diversity in two or more of the space, time, or frequency domains in response to detecting the degradation of signal quality, to generate a plurality of decorrelated signals."

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domains in response to detecting the degradation of signal quality, to generate a plurality of decorrelated signals.

Hence, the prior arts of record do not anticipate nor render obvious the claimed invention. Thus, claim 42 is allowable over the prior arts of record. Claims 43-54 are allowed because of the combination of additional limitations and the limitations listed above.

- Claim 55 recites similar elements of the invention as mentioned above in claim 42. Thus, claim 55 is allowable over the prior arts of record. Claims 56-57 are allowed because of the combination of additional limitations and the limitations listed above.
- The claimed invention in claim 58 recites features such as: "...a multidimensional diversity agent, coupled to the transceiver, to detect a degradation of signal quality on the wireless communication link, and in response to detecting the degradation of signal quality, selectively introduce additional diversity on the wireless communication link to result in the wireless communication link having diversity in two or more of the space, time, or frequency domains to generate a plurality of decorrelated signals."

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Hence, the prior arts of record do not anticipate nor render obvious the claimed invention. Thus, claim 58 is allowable over the prior arts of record. Claims 59-66 are allowed because of the combination of additional limitations and the limitations listed above.

- The claimed invention in claim 67 recites features such as: "...determining that an effective signal strength of a signal on a wireless communication link using a level of signal diversity is insufficient to provide a desired communication range for the signal on the wireless communication link; and dynamically introducing an additional level of signal diversity into the wireless communication link

in response to determining that the effective signal strength of the signal is insufficient, to generate additional decorrelated signals.”

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Hence, the prior arts of record do not anticipate nor render obvious the claimed invention. Thus, claim 67 is allowable over the prior arts of record. Claims 68-71 are allowed because of the combination of additional limitations and the limitations listed above.

- Thus, claims 41-71 are allowable over the prior arts of record.

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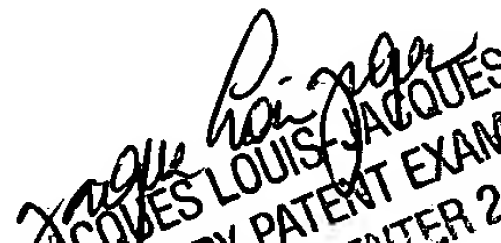
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